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§16–108.

(a) In this section, “governmental charge” means a tax, a fee, or any other charge that a county or municipality collects.

(b) (1) A governing body of a county or municipality may allow a governmental charge to be paid by credit or debit card.

(2) The governing body of a county or municipality shall determine:

(i) the governmental charges that may be paid by credit or debit card; and

(ii) the types of credit or debit cards that will be accepted.

(c) (1) The governing body of a county or municipality may add a service charge to a governmental charge paid by a credit or debit card.

(2) The amount of the service charge:

(i) may not exceed the fee charged to the county or municipality for use of the credit or debit card; and

(ii) shall be determined at the time the governmental charge is paid.

(d) A county or municipality that allows governmental charges to be paid by credit or debit card shall provide notice with each property tax bill or other invoice for which payment by credit or debit card is authorized:

(1) that a credit or debit card may be used to pay the governmental charge;

(2) the types of credit and debit cards that may be used; and

(3) whether a service charge will be added to the governmental charge if a credit or debit card is used.

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